

NATIVITY, MIGRATION AND BERMUDIAN STATUS

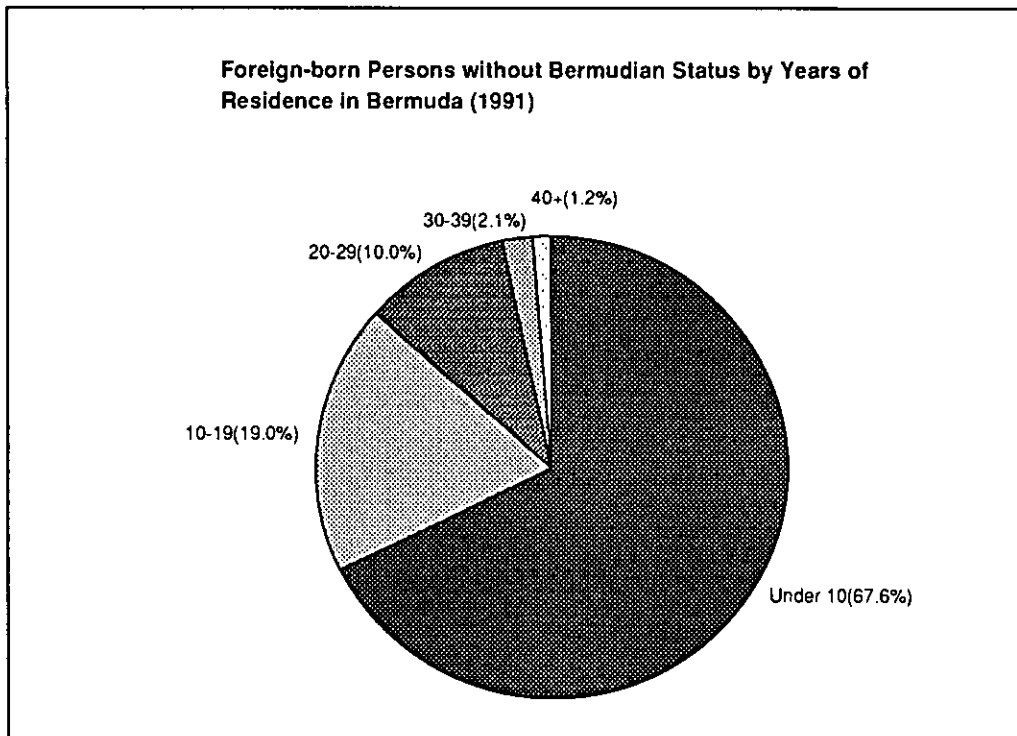
Foreign-born persons accounted for over a quarter of Bermuda's resident population in each of the 1980 and 1991 Censuses. Table 1 below shows that the rate of increase in the foreign-born population exceeded that of the Bermuda-born in the intercensal period with percentage changes of 12% and 7%, respectively.

**Table 1
Population by Nativity 1991 and 1980**

	1991 Census		1980 Census		% Change 1980 - 91
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	
All Persons	58,460	100	54,050	100	+8%
Bermuda-born	42,634	73	39,880	74	+7%
Foreign-born	15,823	27	14,170	26	+12%
Not stated	3	**	0		

**less than 1%

Table 2 splits the 1991 Census population by nativity and by possession of Bermudian status. From this table it can be seen that the vast majority (97%) of the Bermuda-born have Bermudian status and 3% do not whereas within the foreign-born group 29% possess Bermudian status and the majority (71%) do not.



**Table 2
Population by Nativity and Bermudian Status 1991**

	Number				% by Status			
	All Persons	With Status	Without Status	Not Stated	All Persons	With Status	Without Status	Not Stated
All Persons	58,460	46,115	12,313	32	100	79	21	0
Bermuda-born	42,634	41,514	1,101	19	100	97	3	0
Foreign-born	15,823	4,600	11,212	11	100	29	71	0
Not stated	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0

Table 3 provides a more detailed examination of the foreign-born population in terms of their number of years of residence in Bermuda and whether or not they possessed Bermudian status.

**Table 3
All Foreign-born Persons by Number of Years of Residence in Bermuda and Possession of Bermudian Status 1991**

Number of Years Lived in Bermuda	Number			% Distribution		
	Total Foreign Born	With Status	Without Status	Total Foreign Born	With Status	Without Status
Total	15,812*	4,600	11,212	100	100	100
Less than 5	5,346	204	5,142	34	4	46
5 - 9	2,580	241	2,339	16	5	21
10 - 14	1,690	303	1,387	11	7	12
15 - 19	1,157	438	719	7	10	6
20 - 24	1,482	650	832	9	14	7
25 - 29	918	645	273	6	14	2
30 - 34	741	585	156	5	13	1
35 - 39	418	345	73	3	8	1
40 & over	1,159	1,021	138	7	22	1
Not stated	321	168	153	2	4	1
Median Years of Residence	8.7	27.4	5.7			

*Excludes 11 persons whose status was unknown

Out of the total of 4,600 foreign-born persons with Bermudian status, over 1,000 of them (22%) had lived in Bermuda for forty years or more and over 3,200 of them (or 70%) had lived in Bermuda for at least twenty years. The median number of years of residence for persons in this group was 27.4 years.

Table 3 also shows that the foreign-born without Bermudian status was a much larger and more transient group than the foreign-born with Bermudian status. Of the 11,212 persons in the former group, over 5,000 (or 46%) had lived in Bermuda less than 5 years at the time of the 1991 Census. A further 2,300 (or 21%) had lived here between 5 and 9 years and in total over 8,800 of them (or 79%) had lived here less than 15 years.

At the other end of the time spectrum, the number of longer term resident foreign-born persons without Bermudian status diminished rapidly as years of residence increased, as indicated below.

Years of Residence	Number of Persons Without Status
20 years & over	1472
25 years & over	640
30 years & over	367
35 years & over	211
40 years & over	138

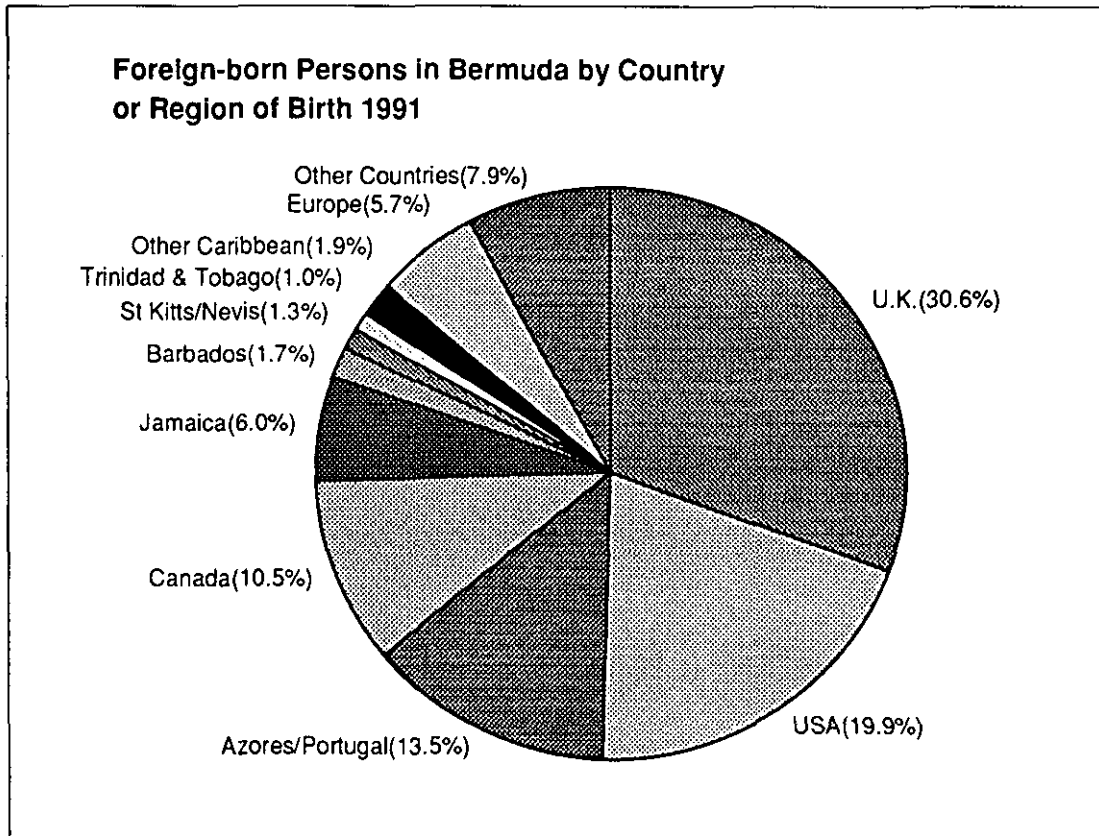


Table 4 below is included to give an historical perspective on the proportions of foreign-born persons with and without status within the specified years of residence categories.

Table 4
Percentage of Foreign-born Persons with and without Bermudian Status within Length of Residence Categories 1991

Number of Years Lived in Bermuda	Total Foreign Born	% With Status	% Without Status
All Persons	100	29	71
Less than 5	100	4	96
5 - 9	100	9	91
10 - 14	100	18	82
15 - 19	100	38	62
20 - 24	100	44	56
25 - 29	100	70	30
30 - 34	100	79	21
35 - 39	100	82	18
40 & over	100	88	12

The sharp drop in the proportion of persons with Bermudian status which can be seen amongst foreign-born residents who had lived in Bermuda for 15-24 years was brought about by changes in the regulations governing the discretionary grant of status, following the introduction of the Bermuda Constitutional Order 1968. Thus for persons who had lived in Bermuda for 25 years or more in 1991, the proportion with status was at least 70% in each length of residence category. For persons in the 20-24 year residence category, the proportion with status in 1991 dropped back sharply to 44% and, of course, continuously declined as length of residence declined.

An examination of all foreign-born residents by their country or region of birth shows that over 85% of them came from five principal countries or regions: the United Kingdom with 30%, the United States with 20%, the Azores/Portugal with 13%, the Commonwealth Caribbean with 12% and Canada with 10%.

Table 5 gives more details on the particular country or region of birth of all foreign-born persons and also shows the proportions of persons with and without Bermudian status from each country or region.

Table 5
Foreign-Born Population by Country/Region of Birth and Possession of Bermudian Status 1991

Country/Region of Birth	All Persons	With Status	Without Status	Not Stated	% Distribution by Status			
					All Persons	With Status	Without Status	Not Stated
All Foreign Born	15,823	4,600	11,212	11	100	29	71	**
United Kingdom	4,780	1,658	3,122	0	100	35	65	0
United States of America	3,108	707	2,398	3	100	23	77	**
Azores/Portugal	2,115	479	1,636	0	100	23	77	0
Canada	1,643	619	1,020	4	100	38	62	**
Jamaica	934	312	621	1	100	33	66	**
St.Kitts/Nevis	196	139	57	0	100	71	29	0
Barbados	271	61	210	0	100	23	77	0
Trinidad & Tobago	159	57	102	0	100	36	64	0
Other Caribbean	301	108	193	0	100	36	64	0
Germany	215	28	187	0	100	13	87	0
Italy	123	12	111	0	100	10	90	0
Other Europe	549	98	451	0	100	18	82	0
Philippines	235	7	228	0	100	3	97	0
Central/South America	220	45	175	0	100	20	80	0
Other	779	160	617	2	100	21	79	**
Not stated	195	110	84	1	100	56	43	1

**less than 1%

Table 6 shows the total resident population of 58,460 persons and examines the age distributions of the Bermuda-born and foreign-born groups in terms of whether they had or did not have Bermudian status.

Table 6
Age Distributions of Selected Sub-Sets of the Population 1991*

	Bermuda Born				Foreign Born				All Residents			
	All Bermuda Born	With Status	Without Status	Not Stated	All Foreign Born	With Status	Without Status	Not Stated	All Persons	With Status	Without Status	Not Stated
All Ages	42,634	41,514	1,101	19	15,823	4,600	11,212	11	58,460	46,115	12,313	32
0 - 9	7,048	6,335	704	9	888	181	707	0	7,936	6,516	1,411	9
10 - 19	6,165	5,888	275	2	976	273	698	5	7,141	6,161	973	7
20 - 29	7,127	7,044	79	4	3,210	466	2,743	1	10,337	7,510	2,822	5
30 - 39	7,222	7,200	21	1	4,061	549	3,509	3	11,284	7,750	3,530	4
40 - 49	5,249	5,237	11	1	2,873	900	1,973	0	8,122	6,137	1,984	1
50 - 59	4,206	4,199	6	1	1,633	809	823	1	5,839	5,008	829	2
60 - 69	3,190	3,189	1	0	1,158	736	422	0	4,350	3,925	423	2
70 & over	2,427	2,422	4	1	1,024	686	337	1	3,451	3,108	341	2
Median Age	31	32	8	13	37	49	34	32	31	34	33	

% Distribution by Nativity/Bermudian Status

All Ages	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
0 - 9	17	15	64	47	6	4	6	0	14	14	11	28
10 - 19	14	14	25	11	6	6	6	38	12	13	8	22
20 - 29	17	17	7	21	20	10	24	8	18	16	23	16
30 - 39	17	17	2	5	26	12	31	23	19	17	29	12
40 - 49	12	13	1	5	18	20	18	0	14	13	16	3
50 - 59	10	10	1	5	10	18	7	8	10	11	7	6
60 - 69	7	8	**	0	7	16	4	15	7	9	3	6
70 & over	6	6	**	5	6	15	3	8	6	7	3	6

* Analysis by Bermuda Born/Foreign Born excludes 3 persons who did not state nativity.

**less than 1%

At first glance it might appear that there was little difference in the age distribution of persons with status and persons without status since the median ages were 34 and 33 years old, respectively, compared with the overall average for all residents of 31 years old. However, these statistics mask some significant variations which only become apparent when the Bermuda-born and foreign-born are analyzed separately.

For the largest segment of the population (the 41,514 Bermuda-born persons with Bermudian status) the median age was 32 years but there were also 1,101 Bermuda-born persons without Bermudian status in 1991 whose median age was then eight years old. Inspection of their age distribution shows that two-thirds of them were less than ten years old and a further quarter were between 10 but less than 20 years old. Such persons were predominantly the children of non-

Bermudian parents born here whilst one or both of their parents were permit or contract workers.

Similarly, within the foreign-born segment of 15,823 persons, there were marked differences between the smaller group of 4,600 persons with status and the larger group of 11,212 without status, their median ages being 49 years and 34 years old, respectively. Looking at the upper age groups it can be seen that nearly one in three of the foreign-born persons with Bermudian status were 60 years old and over in 1991 compared with only about one in fourteen of the foreign-born without Bermudian status. Indeed, the distinguishing characteristic of the latter group is their intense concentration in the 20, 30 and 40 year old age groups, which accounted for almost three-quarters (73%) of all foreign-born persons without status.

The implications of these different age structures in terms of the composition of the labour force from indigenous and imported sources can readily be seen in Table 7.

Put in the simplest terms, there are three main stages in the economic activity life cycle. The first stage is preparation and covers rearing and education up to the point of starting a first job. The second stage is participation in the work force and the third and final stage is withdrawal from the work force through retirement or possibly ill health.

Because the Bermuda-born constitute the permanent core section of the population, most members of this group will go through all three stages in Bermuda. The foreign-born with status group originally arrived as experienced workers on work permits. Therefore they missed stage one (preparation) in Bermuda but will be here for stages two and three of their economic activity life cycles. Finally as we have just seen above, because of their mobility and concentration in the 20-40 age group, the bulk of the foreign-born without status group tend to remain in Bermuda only whilst they are in the middle or participating stage of their economic activity life cycle.

For these reasons, the major groups of the population showed markedly different proportions of workers to total residents. For Bermuda as a whole the proportion was 33,120 workers to 58,460 residents or 57%. For the Bermuda-born group it was lowest at 53%; for the foreign-born with status group it increased 7 percentage points to 60%; for the foreign-born without status group, the percentage of workers to residents peaked at 68%.

Table 7
Main Components of Resident Population and Work Force 1991

	All Residents	% of Total	All Workers	% of Total	Workers/Residents %
Total	58,460	100	33,120	100	57
Bermuda-born	42,634	73	22,729	69	53
Foreign-born with status	4,600	8	2,761	8	60
Foreign-born without status	11,212	19	7,630	23	68
Not Stated	14	**	0	0	

**less than 1%

Table 8 looks very briefly at the degree of intermarriage between Bermudians and non-Bermudians. The table provides an initial assessment of the number of non-Bermudian spouses who could become eligible to apply for Bermudian status by virtue of being married to a Bermudian under the present ten-year rule.

Table 8
All Bermudians Married to non-Bermudians by Nativity and Length of Marriage
1991

Duration of Present Marriage (Years)	Nativity of Bermudian Spouse		
	All Bermudian Spouses	Bermuda Born	Foreign Born
Total	2,477	2,033	444
0	146	130	16
1	168	149	19
2	170	149	21
3	151	128	23
4	145	126	19
5	133	113	20
6	142	123	19
7	125	109	16
8	128	109	19
9	114	98	16
10	117	106	11
11-15	286	238	48
16-20	189	142	47
21+	440	296	144
Not Stated	23	17	6

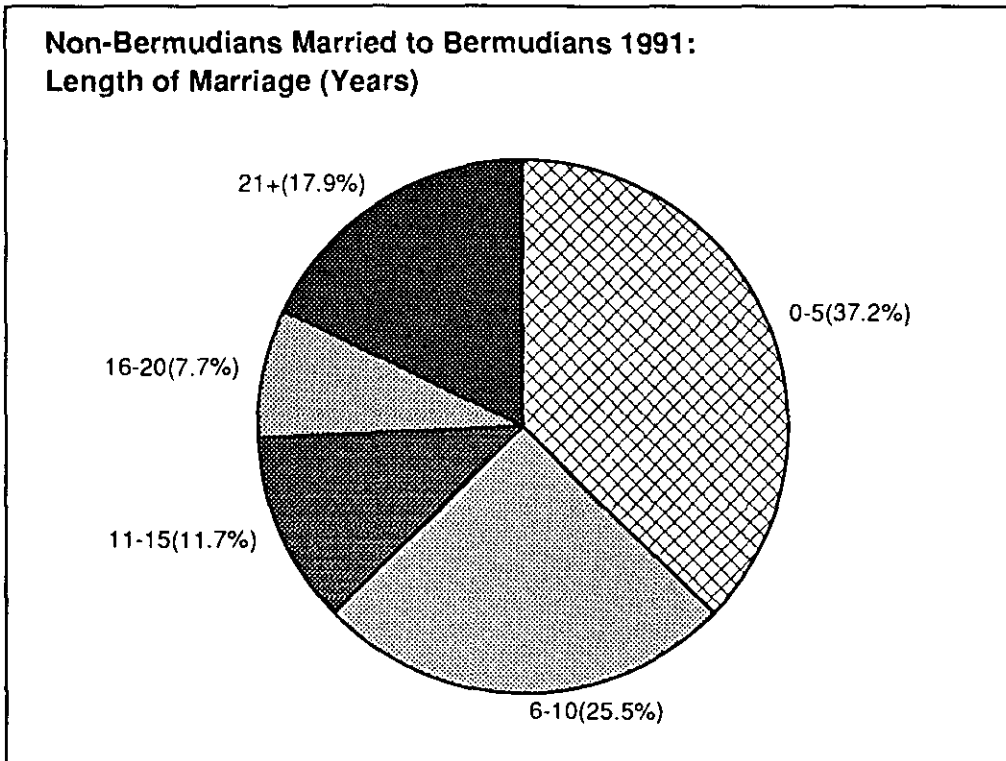


Table 8 shows that at May 1991 there were 2,477 Bermudians married to non-Bermudian spouses. Of these, 1,548 were Bermudian males and 929 were Bermudian females. Slightly more than 1,000 of these marriages had lasted 10 or more years at the time of the 1991 Census and 629 had lasted 16 years or more. Given that 438 of the marriages of 16 years duration or longer were between born Bermudians and non-Bermudians, this suggests that for whatever reasons may be relevant, not all non-Bermudian spouses will aspire to attain Bermudian status when they become eligible to apply.